REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 11 and 13-15. The Examiner has allowed claims 3-7, 9, 18-20, and 22-28. (Note that on the Office Action Summary, it states that the allowed claims are 3-7, 9, 18-20, and 2-28. Applicants suggest that the Examiner meant to state claims 22-28 rather than 2-28.) Applicants have canceled claims 11 and 13-15. Currently pending in the case are claims 3-7, 9, 18-20, and 22-28, which the Examiner has allowed. Applicants submit that the case is condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly requested. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 06-1505.

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